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the bottels in her maiesties house, who comming to the res-
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thicke wood, where he might easilie haue kept him selfe close
a long time, but that the prouidence of God having now taken
place to punish, where before the devill had kept possession, for
sin he wold not suffer him to rest, but so soone as it was night,
brought him backe to Wansworth, and the first house he came to
was y house wherin y breathles bodie of the Lord Bourgh lay,
wherunto he was no sooner appreched (which is a thing especi-
ally to be noted,) but his wounds bled more freshlie then when
the were first givien, whereby the people in the house beeing a-
gall at that suddaine and strange spectacle made forthe to
search, for surelie they supposed the murtherer was not farrs
off, he hearing the noyse of their comming, fledde to Newington,
where he was apprehended and caried to Newgate, and from
thence brought the sive and twenteth daye of Ianuarie to the
Sessions house in Southwarke, where he was arraigned and
condemned of wilfull murder, which murther he had commit-
ted the fourth day of the same month. And thus haue I disbur-
dened the heauy clogge of my græued conscience, and done my
latest duetie to him dead, whom whilest he lived, I loued and
honoured.

Then Noble mindes, whose heartes full of lenitie harbour no suspition of
treacherie, banishe all secure, mildnesse from your soules, that suffers euerie
base, and ignoble Sicophante to encroche into the lenity of your fauora-
ble conceite. And nourish not with your courteous countenaunce, the con-
temptuous aspirers of inferiour reputetion: For thereby groweth such bo-
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A briefe Discourse of the most haynous and traytorlike fact

of Thomas Appeltree:
For which hee shoulde haue suffred Death on
Eylowy the one and twentith of Julie last:
wherin is set downe his Confession.

Wherenvnto is annexed, the Report of the
message sent to the place of execution from hir
most excellent Maestie, by the right ho-
nourable Sir Christopher Hatton
Knight, Vizchamberlain
to hir highnesse.



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To the Reader.



Or as much as the nature of man is affected to
listen after newes, by the report whereof ei-
ther the minde is delighted, or else stricken
with fear, I have thought it conuenient to pu-
blysh vnto all the worlde, and namely to all
good and godly subiects, a thing of no small
importaunce, verie strange, and not so strange, as most certaine
true. May it therfore please thee to peruse this little booke, wherin
as in a loking glasse, thou shal beholde to thy great comfort, the
verie effectes of justice, iustlie executed against an offender, wro-
chilie condemned to death: and further, thou shal to thy ioye be-
holde the rare and singular mercies offered vnto him, that had
most grieuouslie trespassed against the royal estate of this noble
realme of England, euen by the Queenes most excellent maiestie,
for whose prospereitie all faithful heartes are bound continuallie
to praise to the Almichtie, who guide and governe hir, high-
nesse with his holie spirite, poure vpon hir the everla-
sting deaues of his heauenlie grace, prosper hir
in all hir affaires, graun hir long life,
health, peace, and quietnesse of bodie
and minde, wherevnto all true
harted subiectes vouch-
safe with me to say.

A M E N.



He. 17. day of July this present yere of our Lord
God. 1579. the Quenes most excellent Maiestie
being on the riuer of Thameſe, betwixt hys high-
nesſe Manour of Grenewich, and Detforde, in
hir priuie Barge, accompanied with Mounsier
Schemere the French Embassador, the Earle of
Lincolne, and M. Wizchamberlaine, &c. with whome shē entred
discourse about waightie affaers: it chancid that one Thomas
Appeltree a yong man and ſervant to M. Henrie Carie, with ii.
iiij. children of hir Maiesſes Chappel, & one other named Bar-
nard Acton, being in a boate on the Thameſe, rowing vp & down
betwixt the places aforenamed, the aforesaid Thomas Appeltree
had a Caluer or Harquebush, which he had thre or foure times
diſcharged with bullet, ſhooting at randome verie rashly, who by
great miſfortune ſhot one of the water men being the ſecond man
next vnto the bales of the ſaid Barge, labouring with his Oare,
which ſat within ſix ſcot of hir highnesſe cleane through both his
armes: the blow was ſo great and grieuous, that it moued him
out of his place, and forced him to crie and ſcritche out piteously,
iſſuſing hym ſelfe to be ſlaine, and ſaying he was ſhot thorow the
body. The man bleeding abundantly, as though he had had a hū-
ked daggers thrust into him, the Quenes Maiestie ſhewed ſuch
noble courage as is moft wonderfull to be hearde and ſpoken of,
by beholding hym ſo maymed, and bleeding in ſuche ſorte, ſhe
never bafhed thereat, but ſhewed effectually a prudent and mag-
nanimous heart, & moft curteouſly conforſting the poore man, ſhe
bad hym be of god cheare, and ſayd he ſhoule want nothing that
mighc be for his eafe, commaunding him to be couered till ſuch
time as he came to the Shore, til which time he lay bathing in his
owne bloud, which mighc haue bene an occaſion to haue terrifyed
the eies of the beholders. But ſuch and ſo great was the courage
and magnanimitie of our dread and ſoueraigne Ladie, that it ne-
ver quayled. To be ſhort, this ſayd Thomas Appeltree and the
reſt were apprehended and brought before hir honoorable Counſel
who with great grautie and wiſedom imploied their times very
carefully, & with gret diligence examined the ſayd Appeltree and

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his companions, and finding the case most haynes and wicked, justly pronounced against him the sentence of Death, and committed him to the Marshalsea in Southwarke, from whence the Tuesday following he was brought throughte the Cittie with the Knight Marshals men, lead vp to the Tower hill, and so to Radcliffe, vp to Blakke wall, and so dwyne to the water side, where was a Gibet set vp directly placed betwixt Deixe and Cray witch, for the execution of this malefacter, who in dede very pitifully bewayled the offence he had committed, and as well in prison as by the way prepared himselfe very penitently and willingly to offer his bodie to the death, loathing this world and the pleasures of the same, and constantly by faith felde vnto I e s v s C H R I S T , assuring that without him there was no saluation, and often sayd and protested very vehemently, that Jesus Christ the sonne of the living God, was his only hope & i o f o r t e , in whose pretious bloude he was purged and made cleare, and in him by faith he was fully assured, that his sinnes (wer they never so many in number) should be freely forgiuen and forgotten: such was his immouable constancie, & so strong he was in C H R I S T I e s v s , that although he confessed his imperfection to be such and so great that of himselfe he was not worthy to lift vp his eyes to heauen, yet by faith he was assured that though his life were wicked and worthye the sentence of everlasting damnation, his Lorde I e s v s C H R I S T his mercifull sauieur had soz him satisfied the lawe, pacifyed Gods indignation, made an agrément betwixt God and him, to whom he was by grace reconciled, conceyved and borne again, not according to the flesh, but in spirit by grace, in the preciuous death and blc vi sheding of his Mediator, and in him assured, that neyther sin, death nor all the power of hel should harme him, but that his faith firmly fixed in that mighty conqueror that had ouerthrown Sinne, subdued Death, and coruinced Satan, should be sufficient for him to combat and maintayne fight against his enemies, which traueld for the vtter spoyle and destruction of his body and soule, over whome in Christ his hope persuaded him to triumph. But when he came to the place of execution, he fell on his knes, and desired all the people to pray with him

wher he very devoutly and with a constant courage prayed
in this wise : O bountfull Iesu, O sweete Iesu. &c. a necessarie
prayer to be sayde at the houre of Death : after this he layde the
Lordes prayer, & then discoursed very godly, that the Lord Jesus
Christ was the rocke whereon he layde his foundation, and that
his only death and passion was the meane to wash away his sin-
nes and offences, and that he for him and al other sat on the right
bande of his heauenlie father, pleading and making continuall
intercession, representing his bloody and painful wounds which
never coulde be dryed vp, which being seene in the eyes of his glo-
rious maiestie, his anger was converted to loue : his furie, to
kynedenesse and fetherlie pitie. Thus very godly he purposed to
finishe his miserable and wretched lyfe, and so prepared himself to
ascende and goe by the ladder, and being on the same, he tourned
himself, and spake to the people as followeth : Godd people I am
come hither to die, but G D D is my iudge, I never in my lyfe
intended hurt to the Quenes most excellente Maiestie, nor incant
the harme of any creature, but I pray to God with all my heart,
long to prosper and keepe her highnesse in health, who blesse and
defende her from all perills and dangers, who prosper her in al her
affaires, and blesse her most honorable counsel, giving them grace
to doe all things to the glorie of G D D and the benefite of this
realme : But of all things, I am most sorie for my offence, and
woefully bewaile the same : and more, I am penitent and sorie for
my god mayster, M. Henrie Carte, who hath bene so grieved for
my fault, suffering rebuke for the same : I woulde to God I had
never bene borne that haue so grievously offended him. And with
that the teares gush out of his eyes very fast. This sayd, he per-
suaded al men to serue God and to take an ensample by him, and
every night and morning moued the devoutely to say the Lordes
prayer. And as the exectioner as one greedy of his pray, had put
the roape about his necke, the people cried, Nay, Nay, staye, and
with that came the right honorable sir Christopher Hatton Wiz-
chamberlayne to her highnesse, who enquired what he had con-
fessed, and being certified as is before expressed, he vailed his bo-
net, and declared that the Quenes maiestie had sent him thither

bold to make the candle opene them how hapious and grievous
the offence of the said Thomas Appeltree was, and further to
signifie to him his gracious pleasure; & so continued his message;
as ye may read it printed by it self, and annexed to this discourse.
Which when he had declared, the hangman was commaunded
to take the roape from his necke, cleane contrarieto his expecta-
tion, & I think (as was seene to the people) sorry to lose his pray-
but whether it were so or not, whether that Appeltree had cause
so to be joyful or no, I leauue to your iudgements, who being come
downe from the ladder, received his pardon, and gaue GOD and
the Prince praise, for so great a benefit as he had by his most gra-
tious bountie received. This done, M. Wixhamberlaine sayde:
God people pray for the Queenes maiestie, and then was this
prayer sayde, which is vsually readde (for the preseruation of his
Maiestie) in the church:

O almighty and cuerliuing God, the Lord of Lords, and king
of kings, which dost from thy thron beholde all the dwelers of
the earth, most hartily we beseech thee with thy fauor to behold
our most gracious soueraigne Ladie Queene Elizabeth, &c.

Wherevnto all the people ioyfully accorded to saye AMEN,
crying, God save the Queene, and casting vp their cappes.

Thus was the dead man restored to lyfe, and brought backe
to the Marshalsea againe, enen as he was led thence to the place
of execution, where he by the way mooste ioyfullye prayed for the
securitie of the Queenes Maiestie.

Loe thus god reader hast thou heard discoursed vnto thee, the
offence of Thomas Appeltree, iustly condemned for his trespass
to die the death, and most gratiouly (notwithstanding the great-
nesse of his crime) by the singular mercy and bountie of our dread
and soueraigne Ladie Queene E I I Z A B E T H preserved, for the
which cause and al others, like faithful and true subiects strongly
armed with an earnest loue, let vs not cease to pray to y Almigh-
tie with loyal & faithfull hearts for his highnesse safegarde, who
with his mightie and oustreched hande protect and deliver hym
as he hath done wonderfully from the handes of all his enimies,
and so mercifully looke vpon vs his subiectes, that to our continual
ioyes

now, the aduancement of ones vertue and vertue, the fal and
mertheow of all iniquitie; we may possesse the presence of this
our roiall virgin Queene even to the ryming of Iesus Christe
in the cloues of the stites: whereunto let all that feare God and
love the Queenes maestie from the bottome of their hartes, say
A M E N.

The night before he shold suffer, he wrote this prayer follo-
wing with his own hand, and on the backside of the paper wher-
in the same was set downe, he wrote these wordes:

To the Queenes most excellent Maestie, whom I beseech God
long to continue ouer the Realme of England in prosperous feli-
citet.

This was the title,

**The humble prayer of Thomas Appeltree,
yeelding himselfe to die, as innocent from
any pretended cause, as the Infant this
night borne.**



S I here pracie earnestlye to God the Father, who
by his diuine prouidence hath ordained mee to
come to this place, I do not pray only for my self,
but also for the whole Church, especially such as
be persecuted for thy word: O Lord graunt vnto
them, that whether it be by death or life, they may
glorifie thy name to their lues end: be merciful vnto this Church
of England and Ireland, we beseech thee good Lord, and preserue
euery part and member of the same, especially thy seruaunt E L I-
Z A B E T H our most gracious soueraine Queene: graunt hir al such
giftes as be nedyd for so highe a calling, to the aduancemente
of thy glorie, and benefit of this comon wealth, to the establishing
of a perfect gouernement of thy churche, according to the rule of
thy blessed worde, to the rooting out of all superstition and reli-
ques of Antichrist, to the gouerning of hir subiectes in all peace &
tranquilitie: defende hir o Lord from all conspiracies, treasons &
rebellions,

wing hyt an houres tenebre from thy heauenlye manesse alwaies
may with obediency humbly obey hym in these and sondrye tyme
Lord preserue the whole counsayle, and the Magistrates of the
Realme, that being lightned by thy holy spirit, they may defende
thy truthe, supprese wickednesse, and maintaine equitie: beholde
all the preachers and pastours of the whole world, blesse their la-
bours, increase the number of thys place ouer every Churche a pain-
full watchman, and reueue all idle lubbers, confouud the power
of Antichrist, and turne the hartes of the peoples, that they maye
be obedient to thy truthe. Blessed be the two Vniversites of Ox-
ford and Cambridge, with all the Scholes of learning, and the stu-
dentes in the same: beholde good Lord all those that be afflicted
with any kinde of crosse, that they may profite by thy correction
in newnesse of life, also beseeching God to sende his maestie
no worse nor disobedient subiect, than in my hearte and
minde (God is my witnesse) til this innocent cause did
chaunce towardes me, I haue bin, whiche is the
first offence that euer I committed. And so, in
whose name I was baptised, & in whom
only I hope to be saued at the day
of iudgement, I trust the Lord
will receyue my Soule
into heauen.



Clinton, Purser & Arnold,
to their Counsreymen wheresoever.

Wherein is described by their own hands
their vnsigned penitence for their offences
past: their patience in welcoming their
Death, & their dutiful minds to-
wardes her most excellent
Maiestie.



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